

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****PORTABLE INFORMATION CAPTURE DEVICES**

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A portable information record capture device having: an information record capturer; a device memory adapted to have a library of stored information records; a controller adapted to evaluate the space available in the device memory and if the available space is insufficient, to accommodate a new information record to compress one of: either the new information record; or one or more of the pre-existing stored information records in the device memory to a size where there is freed-up enough device memory to accommodate the new information record, or its compressed form if the controller requires it to be compressed, the controller being adapted to record a new information record, or its compressed form if it is to be compressed, to the freed-up device memory. Each information record has an associated priority rating, and the controller is adapted to select which information records to compress and how far to compress them on the basis of the priority ratings of said information records. It is envisaged that such a device is especially suitable for digital video cameras and the like.

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